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In the Claims

Claims 1-56 are pending and are listed below as follows:

1. In a computer graphic processing system in which a ray is cast toward an object represented by a collection of pre-determined shapes each characterized by characteristic data, a method for determining which of the shapes are intersected by the ray, the method comprising:

defining a reference object relative to the represented object;

determining the positions of the shapes relative to the reference object using the characteristic data; and

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